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- Source has obtained a letter written in connection with Trotskyite organizational activities in South America. The writer addresses himself to the "Sub Buro Latino Americano, with a copy to the International Secretariat (SI)", and concludes "Con saludos revolucionarios. Grupo 'Cuarta Internacional' (GCI). Posadas, Secretario General. Buenos Aires." The letter is dated 1 March 1949. It has not been possible to ascertain how the envelope which contained this letter was addressed or where the letter was intercepted.
- 2. The letter upbraids the Latin American Sub-bureau for accusing a militant named Ortiz of misuse of the movement's funds, and accuses the Sub-bureau of arrogation of authority. According to the writer, the Sub-bureau had no authority to assess party organisms in Latin America the sum of \$2,500 monthly to maintain a two-man Sub-bureau staff, consisting of one Robles in Peru and one Silva in Chile. The Sub-bureau's only function is stated to be the production of publications, a review and a Latin American bulletin; and preparations for a Latin American Congress
- 3. Reference is made in the letter to "the recent Latin American meeting" and to the II World Congress.\* It was the expenses of Ortiz' trip to this congress which occasioned the accusations brought up in the letter.
- 4. Ortiz, apparently a member of the Revolutionary Workers League (LOR) of Uruguay, attended the World Congress, where he took an active part and was elected to the International Executive Committee (CEI or IEC), despite the opposition of Moreno of the Argentine Grupo Obrero Marxista (GOM). Ortiz: candidacy was supported by Gabriel, stated to be Secretary General of the International.
- 5. Moreno, for his part, voted for Munia to be a member of the Comision de Poderes. He also supported Shachtman who wished to consolidate with the Socialist Workers Party. Together with Jock Haston, Secretary General of the British party, and British member of the IS, he supported the GCI policy at the World Congress. On his return from the Congress, Ortiz made a trip around Latin America, on a mission from the SI, to organize the movement in Latin America.
- 6. Posades claims that there are only three groups in Argentina affiliated with the Trotskyite movement: the Union Obrero Revolucionaria (UOR), the GOH, and the

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GCI. The so-called Bandera Roja (Zona Sur) which split off from the GOM, has dissolved, he says. The duty of the Sub-bureau in Argentina is to coordinate the activities of the three groups in that country, which, taken together, completely express the three tendencies of the Trotskyite movement in Latin America, Posadas says.

7. The accusers of Ortiz are listed as:

Moreno (GCM) Argentina
Oscar (UCR) Argentina
Salerno Brazil
Silva Chile
Robles Peru
Matta Bolivia

- 8. These individuals are stated to be adversaries of the GCI and of the Latin American policy of the International, being opponents of the Single Latin American State, and of the national movements, and their tasks. All voted against the World Congress' political resolution on Latin America, Posadas says.
- 9. From statements made in the letter it appears that the chain of command runs from the World Congress to the CEI, to the SI, to the Sub-bureau for Latin America. Robles of Peru and Ortiz, apparently of Uruguay, are stated to be members of the CEI. The position of the organizer in Bolivia, Matta, has not yet been established. His travels and secret organizational activities in Bolivia have been previously reported.\*\*

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Compent. The first World Congress was held in 1938, and the second congress was held in Paris in April 1948.



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